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Army and Navy Seek Bids on Canned Foods

The Quartermaster Supply Officer of the Army is sending out invitations for bids on supplies, and the following canned foods are included: Baked beans, crabmeat, jams, jellies and preserves, mushrooms, sardines, and shrimp. Bids will be opened at 9.00 A. M., August 1st. Copies of the schedules on which to submit bids may be obtained from the Quartermaster Supply Officer at Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Navy Department is also requesting bids on a quantity of canned catsup, bids on this commodity to be opened August 19th. Copies of schedule 3826 on which to submit bids may be obtained from the Navy Department, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Washington, D. C.

Production Forecast and Condition of Snap Beans for Canning

The forecast of production of snap beans for canning or manufacture in 1930, based upon the condition of the crop on July 15, is nearly 15 per cent larger than estimated production in 1929, according to a report issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics on July 23. On an estimated acreage which is nearly 17 per cent larger than that of last year, the indicated yield per acre averages slightly less than the low yield of last year, and nearly one-fifth of a ton below the average yied during the five-year period, 1925-1929.

Dry, hot weather has caused a material reduction in yield prospects in Delaware, Maryland, and the South Central group of States. These reductions, however, have been largely offset by favorable growing conditions in New York, Wisconsin, Maine, Michigan, and the Western area.

	Ac	reage	Yield 1	per acre	Pro	duction
SNAP BRANK	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	1980 Tone
Maine	1.300	1,400	2.1	2.8	2,730	3,989
New York	9.800	11.270	1.5	1.6	14,700	18,086
Pennsylvania	9.720	8.850	1.4	1.6	3.810	5,366
Indiana	3,500	3.710	1.0	1.4	3,500	5.100
	5.800	5.000		1.0	A 770	7 790
Wisconsin	7.400	8 550	1.0	1.4	0.070	10.016
***************************************	2.040	0.550	1.0	1.0	0,020	0.00
Maryland	2,040	2,330	1.0	1.0	2,030	2,339
Andrea & constant	8,400	9,740	1.7	1.1	14,380	10,719
South Carolina	870	830	1.5	1.6	1,300	1,330
Tennessee	2,000	2,400	1.2	1.1	2,400	3,640
Mississippi	1.860	2,640	1.0	1.0	1,860	2,646
Arkansas	2.240	2.510	1.1	1.1	2,460	2,760
Louisiana	2.280	8.290	1.0	.8	2.280	2,636
Culamdo	9.300	9.000	8.0	9.4	6.900	5.000
R PA - A-	1.000	1 590	9.0	9.5	9 580	2 000
Dian	1,250	1,020	2.0	2.3	3,500	0,099
Washington	920	940	8.0	8.8	2,480	9,199
Orogon	930	880	3.0	3.2	2.790	3,839
California	7.50	810	4.0	4.0	3,699	3,248
Other states a	5,300	6,630	1.8	1.2	6,360	7,966
U. S. total	61,000	71.150	1.48	1.46	90,480	108,560
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a Other states include Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wyoming.

The following report by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics gives the condition of the snap bean canning crop on July 15:

SNAP BRANS	July 15, 1930 P. ct.	July 1, 1980 P. ct.	July 18, 1929 P. ct.	4-year average July 15 P. ct.
Maine New York Pennsylvania	95 83 69	88 87 79	87 92 70	86 88 73
N. Atlantic Indiana Michigan	81 56 68	85 69	97 70 88	85 68 78
Wisconsin N. Central	80 77	67 83	82	85
Delaware Maryland South Carolina S. Atlantic	60	82 ci 78	70	74
Tennessee Mississippi Arkansas Louisiana	54 60 59	70 4 70	80 73	76
8. Central	56 77	70 88	78	77 88 85
Washington Oregon California	91 90 85	92 84 82	90	91 88 87
Other States b	64 71	70 81	71 80	78 81
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a No report.
5 Other states include Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Montana, Missouri, Nebruska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Vermont, Virginia, Wyoming.

Corn Sugar Hearing Called by Secretary of Agriculture

The question of the necessity for labeling prepared food products to show the presence of corn sugar is the subject of a hearing called by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde for Friday,



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CONDITION OF CANNING CROPS

received. These figures are compiled from reports as of July 15, and in some areas, a report on the condition of canning crops as of July 15, from which the following The Bureau of Agricultural Economics issued, under date of July 26, condition of the crop at the time this report was released. Any changes, however, received from canners. Condition figures are starred to indicate only one report such as those in which the drouth has not been broken, may not represent the true will be reflected in the next report giving the condition of canning crops as of Condition spaces are starred to indicate that no reports were tables are taken. August 1.

		SHEET	-			TOMATO	SE	
	July	July	July	1	July	y July J	July	4 yr.
STATE		1,			15,	1,	15,	AV.
		1930			1930	1930	1929	July 1
		P.ct.		P.ct.	P.ct.	P.ct.	P.ct.	P.ct.
Maine		93			1	1.	1	
New Hampshire		*			1			
Vermont		87						1
New York		98			8	88	96	81
New Jersey					89	68	88	98
Pennsylvania		81			187	96	84	81
North Atlantic		87			68	68	88	84
Ohio		9			64	83	88	89
Indiana		89			88	88	90	8
Illinois		25			98	16	90	29

Morth Atlantic	83	48	83	96	68	68	22	8
Ohto	57	9	65	67	29	83	88	83
Indiana	88	68	73	92	88	88	8	8
Illinois	87	25	83	828	86	16	90	29
Michigan	*85	*85	85	77	79	88	85	84
Fisconsin	88	88	75	20	,	1		•
Winnesota	96	06	88	83	1			1
Total	87	89	87	84	85	16	81	83
Missouri					8	83	85	26
Hebrasica	87	89	88	88	1	1		
North Central	84	98	81	99	85	86	81	80
Delamare	82	83	80	26	82	84	22	46
Warvland	82	87	82	22	83	86	85	8
Viroinia					69	72	82	74
South Atlantic	82	87	82	77	81	83	82	29
Kentucky					80	82	8	7.1
Tennessee	88	06	75		. 74	26	80	26
Arlenana					86	86	29	26
Smith Central	RR	06	75		82	83	81	75
Colorado					93	35	85	82
Ttah		•			78	81	22	22
California			1		83	85	87	88
Far Mastern					83	85	85	98
Other States	85	98	80	81	87	98	43	72
II. S. Average	84	86	81	78	84	98	83	18

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CHEEN PEAS FOR MANUFACTURE

reported at time of harvest in those States which have completed packing operations, According to reports received from canners in those States which have not Utah improved from 85% of normal on July 1 to 90% on July 15. Taking the condition with a condition of 93% of normal reported on July 15 compared with 94% on July 1. Condition of the crop in Minnesota dropped from 89% on July 1 to 87% on July 15. little from that of July 1. Condition in Wisconsin was reported as 77% of normal on July 15, compared to 79% on July 1. Prospects in New York continued favorable Wichigan prospects remained the same at 89% of normal. Condition of the crop in finished packing operations, the condition of the crop on July 15 differed very the United States canning pea prospects appear about the same as on July 1.

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	July	July	July	4 yr.		July	July	4 yr.
STATE	15.		15.	BV.		1,	15,	BV.
	1930		1929	July 15.	-	1930	1929	July 15
	P.ct.		P.ct.	. P.ct.	P.ct.	P.ct.	P.ct.	P.ct.
Massachusetts	*		1	1			1	
	85		75	78	-	93	87	83
North Atlantic	85		75	78		93	87	83
	86		85	78	_	89	82	84
Indiana	98		8	82		81		88
Illinois	80		83	74		8	8	35
Michigan	86		84	80	-	250	88	8
	87		82	78		35	88	88
	87		74	22		75	88	84
Ious	8			80	-	1	1	
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Wisconsin , *** *******************************	87	82	82	78	06		35	88	88
Minnesota	87	68	74	2	80	•	25	88	84
Iosa	8	8	1	80	1		1	1	1
Missouri	9	80	75	81	1				•
North Central	98	85	84	80	16		06	86	87
Louisiana	09	09		-	-				
South Central	09	9	1	1	1				1
Colorado	87	88	80	83	89		22	8	80
Washington	73	92	75	46	85	1	001		8/92
California	86	85	89	86	1		1		-
Far Testern	85	96	84	84	74		86	80	38
Other States	7.1	69	85 °	74	1 80		85	85	81
U. S. Average	84	83	84	79	89		96	86	92
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E	July	July	1			fully	July	July	July
STATES 15, 1,	15,	1,		STATES		15,	1.	15,	1,
	1930	1930			1 .	1930	1930	1930	1930
P.ct. P.ct.	P.ct.	P.ct.			1	ect.	P.ct.	P.ct.	P.ct.
Colorado	8	88	Ore	Oregon		1		85	79
Delaware 78 92	99	78	Ute	Utah			1	8	92
Indiana	80	96	Vir	'irginia		85	8	ı	1
Maryland 75 75	*	*	Tas	Washing ton			1	8	96
Michigan * *	87	83	Wie	Nisconsin .		1		79	20
Winnesota 96 96		1							
New Jersey , 85 88	78	78	Oth	Other States	. 86	75	75	98	98
New York	96	35							
Ohio 71 71	40	8	D.	U. S. Average	.986	79	88	84	85



July 25th, at 10.00 A. M. The administrative position under the Food and Drugs Act, held by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, provides that the use of refined sugars other than cane or beet sugars (sucrose) in foods, be indicated on the label. The use of cane sugar or beet sugar need not be indicated on the label. The hearing was held at the Secretary's office at the Department of Agriculture. Further information on this hearing will be published in a later issue of the Information Letter.

Retail Prices in June

Retail food prices in the United States as reported to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed a decrease of slightly less than 1½ per cent on June 15, 1930, when compared with May 15, 1930, and a decrease of a little less than 4½ per cent since June 15 a year ago. During the month May 15 to June 15, 1930, canned foods on which monthly prices were secured decreased as follows: Canned tomatoes, 2 per cent; evaporated milk, 1 per cent. There was no change during the month in the price of canned red salmon, baked beans, canned corn and canned peas.

Weather Conditions

Moderate to fairly generous showers occurred in parts of the interior valleys during the week ended July 22, especially in Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota, and rainfall was rather heavy in many southern Rocky Mountain sections, according to the Weather Bureau. There were also generous to heavy falls in the south Atlantic area and locally along the west Gulf coast. Elsewhere the week was mostly dry, with large areas reporting practically no rainfall.

Very little relief from droughty conditions was afforded during the week, though beneficial showers occurred near the close of the week in some northern sections of the Ohio Valley and in the Plains states from northern Kansas northward. The showers in these areas were beneficial in affording some temporary relief, but they were insufficient to break the drought. Except in a few northeastern localities and in the south Atlantic area from North Carolina southward, a general rain is still badly needed in all sections east of the Rocky Mountains, and the extremely droughty conditions have been intensified in many places by the excessive heat. Growing crops are mostly at a standstill, or deteriorating in large areas where the drought is most severe. In the southeastern states, from central and eastern North Carolina southwestward to Georgia and nothern Florida, generous to heavy rains occurred and all growing vegetation is making

good advance, while the lack of moisture is not yet felt to a great extent in most northeastern sections. Rains were very beneficial in the southern Rocky Mountain area and parts of the far Southwest.

Estimated Consumption of Canned Tomatoes, Peas, Corn. and Green and Wax Beans

The following tables showing estimated apparent consumption of canned tomatoes, peas, corn, and green and wax beans in the United States have been compiled by the Foodstuff's Division of the U.S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The figures on canned tomatoes are stated in cases of 24 number 3 cans, while for the three other commodities the figures are given in cases of 24 number 2 cans.

Attention is called to the fact that the production figures given for canned tomatoes, peas, and corn for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927, are actually figures for the previous years' packs, while the corresponding figures for 1928 and 1929 are the actual

production figures for those years.

CANNED TOMATORS Stocks at Beginning of Year

Year		Canners and distributors	import warehouses	Production	Imports a	Total available supplies
1925 1926 1927 1928	*****	b b b 9,008,728	42,630 96,200 51,660 97,300	12,519,000 d 19,770,000 d 9,455,000 d 8,538,582	1.785.476 1.618.579 1.887.097 1.818.276	14,287,105 31,479,779 11,898,757 19,443,976
1929		5,557,187	81,000	14,145,301	3,427,192	23,210,630
Year		Exports a	Stocks at 1 Canners and distributors	In bonded import warehouses	Apparent total consumption	Apparent per capita consumption No. 8 cans
1925 1926 1927	*****	102,610 148,463 134,181	b b c	96,200 31,660 97,390	14,088,000 21,286,000 11,172,000	2.9 4.4 2.3

327,490

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1929

a Converted from pounds to cases of 24 No. 3 cans at 51 pounds to the case. 5 No figures available.
c Figures not used because no beginning of year stocks were available for this year.
d Figures for previous year's pack are used since greater part of pack in any year is consumed in the following one.

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		CANNED PE	AS	
Year	Stocks at begin- ning of year	Production	Imports a	Total available supplies
1928	 b	19,315,000 c	62,103	19,377,103
1986	 b	17,816,000 c	66,418	17,882,418
	 b	17,709,000 €	35,532	17.744,558
1928	 11,504,565	17,943,488	39,626	29,487,627
1929	 10,859,554	18,580,000	56,225	29,445,779
Year	Exports	Stocks at end of year	Apparent total Consumption	consumption No. 2 cans
1925	 191,671	b	19,195,000	4.0
1936	 144,968	b	17,738,000	8.6
1927	 208,623	d	17,541,000	0.5
1928	 216,236	10,850,554	18,412,000	3.5 8.7
1929	 279,480	10.357,962	18,778,000	3.7
	 4 4 41 51			

6,885,366

a Converted to cases of 24 No. 2's at 80 pounds to the case. b Figures not available. c Figures for previous year's pack are used since greater part of pack in any year is sumed in the following one. d Not used due to lack of beginning of year figures.

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Year		Stocks at begin- ning of year	Production	Total availab supplies	le Exports a
1925		b	12,181,000 c	12,181,000	204,200
1926	*******	0	24,320,000 €	19,069,000	148,776
1927		12,198,100	14,497,130	26,695,230	266,348
1929	********	10,749,948	17,486,744	28,286,686	278,874
					Apparent per capita

Year	Stocks at end of year	Apparent total consumption	consumption No. 2 cans
1925	 b	11,927,600	2.5
1926	 b	24,176,000	5.0
1927	 d	18,902,000	3.8
1928	 10,740,942	15,678,000	3.1
1929	 11,486,754	16,471,000	3.3

a Converted to cases of 24 No. 2's at 80 pounds to the case.

b Figures not available.

c Figures for previous year's pack are used since greater part of pack in any year is consumed in the following one.

d Not used due to lack of beginning of year figures.

CANNED GREEN AND WAX BEANS

Ye	ear	Production	Exports a	Apparent total consumption	consumption No. 2 cans
198	26	4,037,000	564,719	3,472,000	0.7
193		4,676,767	497,467	4,179,000	0.8
193	28	6,215,320	483,842	5,782,000	1.1
193	29	8,528,957	264,307	8,265,000	1.6
	a Converted	to cases of 24 No.	2's at 29 pounds	to the case.	

Testing Capacity of Fruit and Vegetable Containers

Canners who purchase fruits and vegetables in baskets or other standard containers will be interested in a recent bulletin issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as Miscellaneous Publication No. 75 on the method of testing the capacity of fruit and vegetable containers under the United States standard container act.

The purpose of the bulletin is best explained by the following introductory paragraph:

"The United States standard container act of 1928, which establishes standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets, completes the standardization of baskets begun by the standard container act of 1916. Both laws place upon the United States Department of Agriculture the duty of making capacity tests of baskets to determine whether they comply with the law. Since many of the states either have laws on the subject or have conferred upon some state department the authority to promulgate regulations establishing standard containers, the method and apparatus used by the Federal department in making tests becomes of general interest."

Mexican Fruit Fly Discovered on Mexican Border

The Mexican fruit fly is believed to have passed the "zone of defense" in Mexico and to have penetrated the State of Sinaloa on the Gulf of California where it presents an increasing threat to the fruit centers of the Southwest, according to the Plant Quarantine and Control Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which reports the seizure at Nogales, Ariz., of two lots of plums infested by this dangerous enemy of citrus and stone fruits.

Maggots of the fruit fly were intercepted at Nogales for the first time on June 3, in plums discovered in the baggage of a passenger who said they were bought somewhere between Guadalajara, in the State of Jalisco, and Mazatlan, in the State of Sinaloa; and the second time, June 11, in plums purchased in a market at Nogales, Sonora. Quarantine authorities could not obtain definite information as to the origin of the plums, but it appears that they were shipped from Sinaloa and that the Mexican fruit fly is now established in that state.

The Mexican fruit fly has caused serious losses along the eastern section of the international border. In 1927 and again in 1929 infestations were discovered in the Rio Grande Valley Diligent inspection and rigorous eradication measures, which included the maintenance of a starvation period during which no host fruits were allowed to ripen, are believed to have eradicated the pest from Texas, and no infestations have been reported since April, 1929. This fruit fly is particularly dangerous to citrus fruits. In the Texas infestations the Mexican Government aided the United States control forces by enforcing the starvation period on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

Poultry Used in Canning

The Market News Service of the U.S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics has issued the following report on the quantities of poultry canned or used in canning during June:

	June, 1930 Pounds	May, 1980 b Pounds
Dressed poultry canned or used in canning Brawn poultry canned or used in canning a	1,895,933 292,917	1,612,326 300,700
Total Number of firms reporting	1,689,849	3,118,026

a The figures for drawn poultry have been converted to an undrawn basis, assuming 25 per cent shrinkage in drawing.

• Revised to include late reports.

Truck Crop Markets

The heat wave which has prevailed for some time and the continued drought in many sections of the country doubtless will reduce the expected outturn of some crops. Market conditions also have been upset. Combined shipments of 33 importg

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ant fruits and vegetables decreased during the week ended July 19 to 22,280 cars, of 4,500 less than the week before. Lighter forwardings of watermelons, potatoes and tomatoes were chiefly responsible for the decrease. Most other products showed slight increases of movement.

Apple shipments increased to 1,000 cars for the week, or fully twice as many as during the same period last season. Northern California shipped 410, Delaware 300, and other eastern sections a considerable number of cars.

Iowa was credited with about 80 of the 100 cars of cabbage that moved. Acreage of cabbage for kraut in the important states is about 20,500 acres, compared with 16,900 last year.

Cucumber shipments decreased to 265 cars, nearly threefourths of which came from Maryland. With much heavier crops expected in Delaware and New Jersey this season, production of cucumbers in five intermediate states is forecast at 1,138,000 bushels, an increase of 40 per cent over 1929.

Shipments of green peas from New York increased to 170 cars and Washington to 265 cars. The total of 440 cars of peas was more than double last summer's corresponding movement.

Grape movement from California increased to 215 cars, and Arizona started 30 cars to market.

Forwardings of California plums and prunes decreased to 415 cars, compared with 160 a year ago.

Pear shipments increased rapidly to 990 cars from California, with limited movement from a few other states. The Washington pear season opened. Movement of this fruit is two and a half times that of late July, 1929.

Cherry shipments dropped to 130 cars, about half of which came from Oregon.

Oranges from California required 860 cars, but were about one-third less than a year ago.

Elberta peach shipments increased to 1,410 cars, but were still one-third lighter than last July. Georgia was up to 930 cars for the week. North Carolina shipped 210 and California 165, with nearly 100 cars from South Carolina.

Tomato shipments were down to 940 cars for the week. Tennessee had dropped to 355, but Maryland increased to about 135 cars and Virginia shipped quite a large number. New Jersey started shipping tomatoes and the season opened in Indiana. Late shipping states have 28,780 acres this season, or 16 per cent more than last year. Northern California has nearly 40 per cent of the total acreage in this group. General condition

of the tomato crop in 17 states averaged 83 per cent of normal, which was the same as a year ago but 7 points higher than in June.

	CARLOT	SHIPMENTS				
Commodity	July 18-19 1986	July 6-13 1930	July 14-20 1929	Total this season to July 19	Total last season to July 20	Total last season
Apples, total Eastern states Western states	1,008 578	770 547	484	2,473 1,756	1,871	102,770 51,415 51,364
Cabbage Carrots	101	177	136 94	15,690 9,398	22,536 9,048	44,159 18,125
Cucumbers Green peas	264 489	392 364	251	5,907 5,938	6,273 3,708	7,486
Mixed deciduous fruit Mixed vegetables Penches	260 428	286 478 977	403 2.031	1,278 19,729 5,475	1,224 21,211 7,104	5,192 32,422 35,451
Pears	1,035	661	410 76	1,885 2,040	2,825	21,145 3,259
Plums and prunes String beans Tomatoes	42 989	46 1,362	19 873	8,540 21,258	7,208 21,352	8,627 31,946

Canny Cook News Number Six is Published

A copy of the sixth issue of the Canny Cook News is being sent to all members with this issue of the Information Letter. This little booklet has proved very popular with our radio listeners. To date we have received about 24,000 requests to be placed on the mailing list for the publication, and the list is growing daily.

Business Conditions

Business for the week ended July 19, as measured by the volume of check transactions, showed an increase of 16 per cent over the preceding week but was below the level of the period ended July 20, 1929.

Wholesale prices, as a whole, showed but slight change from a week ago, but were 16 per cent lower than the corresponding

period in 1929.

Bank loans and discounts were greater than both the preceding week and the same period in 1929. Interest rates for call money were lower, while those for time money were higher than the preceding week. Both rates were lower than a year ago.

Bank loans and discounts and stock prices for the week ended July 19 registered increases when compared with the

week ended July 21, 1928, two years ago.

Movement of commodities by rail, as indicated by statistics for the latest reported week, were greater than for the preceding week but less than for the same week a year ago.

	CAR LOADI	NGS	Merchandise	
	Total	Mtscellaneous	L. C. L.	Other
Week ended July 19	915,985	355,638	230,299	330,058
Preceding week	792,141	311,916	204,887	275,388
Corresponding week, 1939	1.066,414	421,721	255,806	388,88T
Corresponding week, 1938	1,024,925	407,617	253,776	365,589